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LAYER FOR LIQUID
CRYSTAL ASSAY

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Examiner Lundgren:

This communication is responsive to a Non-Final Office Action, dated March 22, 2007, concerning the above-referenced patent application. With the acceptance of the accompanying petition for a three-month extension of time and the associated fee, Applicants believe this response to be timely filed.

Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely

missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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